

**REMARKS**

In the Restriction/Election of Species Requirement of October 30, 2007,

Applicants were required to:

- (1) Elect one of four identified groups of claims (Group I – Claims 1-34; Group II – Claims 35-61; Group III – claims 62-74; and Group IV – Claims 75-90), each such group of claims being held by the Examiner to represent a separate and “distinct” invention; and
- (2) Elect one of fourteen species (Species A to N, each associated with different groups of Figures), each such species being held by the Examiner to represent an “independent or distinct” invention.

This written Restriction/Election of Species Requirement is substantially identical to a telephone Restriction/Election of Species Requirement that was communicated to Applicants' attorney David Silverstein on October 19, 2007.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute the Group I claims (Claims 1-34) in the present application. Accordingly, the claims of the non-elected Groups (Claims 35-90) have herein been canceled. Applicants reserve their right to file timely Divisional applications to each of the non-elected Groups.

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute what the Examiner has identified as “Species E” as

represented generally by Figures 17A-21C of the application. Applicants reserve their right to file timely Divisional applications to each of the non-elected Species.

Applicants have carefully reviewed Claims 1-34 of elected Group I and made various amendments to those claims to assure that each of those claims is within the elected species – Species E. New Claims 91-115 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Applicants believe in good faith that each of Claims 1-34 as amended and each of new Claims 91-115 herein presented is encompassed by the elected species – Species E. At the same time, Applicants note that the Examiner identified the various species only by reference to particular Figures. There is no text describing which particular features of each species are the basis for identifying that species.

As is well known, every variation of every claimed invention feature does not need to be shown in every Figure or set of Figures, as long as such features are illustrated somewhere in the application. Accordingly, there are aspects of Species E, represented by Figures 17A-21C, that are not necessarily shown in Figures 17A-21C but instead are illustrated in other Figures. Nevertheless, such aspects of the invention are considered to be within the scope of Applicants' Species E election, as long as they are consistent with the general inventive concept represented by Species E. If the Examiner has any questions about this matter or believes any of the pending claims are not within the scope of the elected species, Applicants' attorney would welcome a telephone call to discuss these questions.

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**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-34 and 91-115 now pending in this application are in condition for allowance, and an early notification thereof is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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